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1. In the Soviet Army, maps were available down to rifle platoon leaders. All maps, regardless of type, were considered secret and were normally kept in the secret documents section of each unit. [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] 50X1 each officer had one map that covered the local area and included the immediate alert-area with which the officer was concerned. [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] 50X1 officers were not permitted to keep maps in their possession but, instead, the maps were locked in the battalion headquarters and were given out only as needed; the remainder of the maps were kept locked in the regimental secret documents section. Although there were only a few. [REDACTED] 50X1 even common road maps were not published for general distribution in the USSR.
2. Soviet Army maps were compiled and published by the Topographic Section of the Ministry of Defense. [REDACTED] 50X1 maps with the following scales: 1:25,000, 1:50,000, 1:100,000, 1:200,000, 1:500,000, and 1:1,000,000. [REDACTED] 50X1 there were primarily 1:100,000 and a few 1:50,000. [REDACTED] 50X1 the regimental CO possibly had maps of the 1:200,000 scale.
3. [REDACTED] 50X1 map study at the Infantry Officers' Candidate School in Tashkent. In the first year, map reading was very basic and students spent most of their time practicing drawing sketches. There was also some instruction on map symbols and orientation by the stars, sun and watch, and the compass. In the second year, students were taught range estimation, how to make an overlay, how to plot a situation on the map, and how to insert ground features not found on the map of an overlay. In the third year, students received very basic instruction with aerial photos. During the fourth year, students were engaged primarily in practical work with maps which included solving field problems involving overlays and sketches during tactical training. All map instruction at the

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school was given by a topographical training group which consisted of a lieutenant colonel and a captain, both of whom were members of the Soviet Army's topographic branch.

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map instruction in last place among the following group of subjects given in the order of their importance: political training, tactical training, materiel training, gunnery training, close-order drill, physical training, manuals and regulations, and map reading. There were other minor subjects which rated lower than map reading, such as chemical training and engineer training.

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